

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Broadcasters use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large corporations control the airwaves, we get what goes to their bottom line, not what we need for a free interchange of ideas. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.